Lands containing a small number of date trees to be given for cultivation.
Messrs. Bade Sab and Bade Gowda, Sira Taluk, and Paledahalli Nagappa, Hosdurga Taluk.

(2) Portions containing a small number of trees may be subdivided and given out for cultivation. If a large number of trees are standing only on a portion of the land, the whole survey number is now reserved.

Formerly Amildars had discretion to accept or reject darkhasts for lands containing date trees. Now lists showing numbers containing date trees have been got up and darkhasts for lands included in them are summarily rejected. It is not certain if great discrimination is used in selecting such reserved lands. It is therefore suggested that lands containing trees numbering 500 and upwards may alone be reserved as date groves, thus making available for cultivation a larger number of lands.

Reply of Government.—These lists are being revised at the time of the revision settlement, and authoritative lists are also being drawn up throughout the State. Every facility will be given for obtaining such lands for cultivation if they are really not required to be reserved. The remarks of the Survey Commissioner regarding the necessity for greater liberality on the part of the Excise Department in the grant of such land will be sent to the Revenue and Excise Commissioners for necessary action.

SUBJECT No. 116.

Disposal of darkhasts after the hulbanni sales.

Mr. Srinivasa Deekshit, Shikarpur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Applications are sometimes received for waste lands which have been included in the hulbanni sales. In some cases saguvali chits are issued and in others the applicant is put in possession of the land applied for, only after the pasture has been fully utilized by the purchaser at the hulbanni sales. This means that the applicant does not get the land in time, and consequently it is brought under cultivation only next year. This causes hardship to the applicant and loss to the Government. In such cases proportionate reduction may be made from the hulbanni amount to protect the interests of the hulbanni purchaser, and the land made over at once to the applicant for cultivation.

There is often great delay in the disposal of darkhasts and lands are delivered so late that no crops can be raised although full assessment is levied.

Reply of Government.—The extent applied for will be so small and the proportionate charge for hulbanni so light that there can be no real hardship in the existing practice. If the land is delivered late, the Deputy Commissioner has discretion to remit the assessment of the year under Rule 43 of the Land Revenue Rules.